THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Service personnel in uniform live normally in complete harmony with the adjoining civil population. Violent incidents are rare and exceptional.

Army authorities maintain regular liaison with the Civil authorities to ensure harmonious relations between the Army personnel and the civilians. Whenever any dispute takes place, appropriate corrective measures are taken in cooperation with the civil authorities.

Illegal transaction in 'A' class cantonments under Central Command

3115. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether cantonment authorities under 'A' class category within the Central Command have been allowing mutation/transfer of properties within Old Grant to different parties without charging STR, etc;

(b) whether illegal transaction have raised prices of land premises without any benefit and financial losses to Government exchequer;

(c) whether personnel in administration are receiving sufficient consideration from parties surreptitiously; and

(d) if so, the facts of the same and preventive steps being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The conversion of old grant properties in notified civil area of the Cantonment into free hold is permitted by the Government on payment of conversion cost computed at 40 times of the STR to arrive at the Market value.

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Foreign investment in the country

@3116. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of foreign investment in the country in various fields after liberalisation schemes;

(b) to what extent the foreign investments meet Government's expectations; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to attract foreign investments in various fields of development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Since the announcement of New Industrial Policy, Rs. 13967 crores of foreign direct investment has been approved till the end of February, 1994. Sector-wise break up of the foreign investment approved is given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(b) The amount of foreign direct investment approved during the post policy period is in line with the Government policy for attracting larger foreign investment in the country.

(c) The Foreign Investment Policy as spelt out in the statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991, is constantly kept under watch so as to respond promptly to the foreign investors' genuine needs and to make it internationally competitive.

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